**LESSON 1---CREATION**

**Genesis 1-2**

Genesis 1 is an overall view of creation with Genesis 2 breaking down the creation of man in more detail.

From chapter one, what words and phrases show forth God's power, awesomeness and the Trinity? Shouldn't we leave it at that?

Describe each day of God's extraordinary creation.

When you think of what God did to this world---take chaos and make it beautiful---What do you think He can do to you? How does He do it?

There is a phrase in Genesis 1:22 and Genesis 1:28 that is repeated. What is it? The physical meaning is obvious, but what is the spiritual meaning for you personally? (Read John 15)

What does “create” mean? What does “in His own image” Mean?

What happened on the seventh day and describe its purpose? Do you have any proof that God intended for that to continue today?

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What was the Garden of Eden like? What were Adam's responsibilities?

How and why did Eve come about?

What does Genesis 2:24 teach us about God's view on marriage? What kind of relationship did the three of them have? Is that still possible?

How do these two chapters help you see your God? What **do** you see? How does that make you feel dealing with life day by day with whatever the day holds?

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**LESSON 2---THE FALL & CAIN AND ABEL**

**Genesis 3-4**

What were the two trees in the middle of the garden and what do you think they represent spiritually? (Genesis 2:9)

Why is Genesis 3 so disastrous?

1. Explain why the serpent is labeled “crafty”. Who is He? See how many names you can find for him in Scripture.

The serpent took Eve down the road of temptation. He started with his masterful “trump card”. What was it and what were the series of events that finally led Eve to her downfall?

Explain how Satan works his same schemes today.

How could Eve have prevented this whole mess? Does that hold true for your today?

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How come they saw that they were naked? What self-centered emotions were they experiencing for the very first time? What did God cover them with? What did that mean for the first time?

What were the immediate and long range consequences of sin for all parties involved? When will this curse be totally removed?

In the story of Cain and Abel, what is the **real** problem? What did God want from Cain?

From I Corinthians 10:13 and Ephesians 6:10-18, how can **you** overcome sin and temptation? (List them)

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**LESSON 3---NOAH**

**Genesis 5-9**

In Genesis 5, what particular phrase is repeated due to the consequences of sin? Read John 8:24 and Romans 6:23. From Revelations 20, what are the consequences of rejecting Jesus?

Seth is substituted for the murdered Abel. Why is that important? Enoch is from Seth's line. Explain “after” and “walked with God” from 5:22-24.

Why is Noah listed in the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11?

Describe the conditions of the world at the time of Noah. From Genesis 6, why did God spare Noah and his family?

Compare the flood to our present day from II Peter 3 and Hebrews 9:27.

In Genesis 7, describe complete destruction. How does God deal with sin? How does that make you feel?

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Sin will be dealt with. What does the ark illustrate for you today?

John 3:15-16, 36 and John 10:9, 28. What is grace?

From Genesis 8, Noah waited for God's word to come out. How is this a powerful example when we're waiting for answers?

The first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was to build an altar to the Lord. What does this reveal about his heart even though he must have felt the pressure of urgent tasks calling for immediate attention? What was God's response?

Noah was not perfect, but he demonstrated obedience, faith, courage, and endurance. Explain why these are important Christian virtues.

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**LESSON 4---THE TOWER OF BABEL & ABRAM'S CALL OF GOD**

**Genesis 11-14, 18:16-33 and 19**

From Noah's three sons, their nations spread out over the earth after the flood. In Genesis 11:1-9 and Psalms 2, what happened to the people's attitude & motive? What is God's counter-move? What does this prove?

How do you know God's call? When God calls, does it always appear reasonable? What does He expect? Why?

What was God's call to Abram? How old was he? Does age matter? What did God promise Abram?

Are there sacrifices to a call of God? What are the benefits of obedience? Read II Chronicles 20 and Romans 10:11.

(Personal) God's first call to you is an invitation for salvation, the second for service and maturity. Have you heard both of those calls?

(a.)In verses 10-20---What was Abram's scheme? (b.) Why was this a lack of faith? (c.) What was missing here? Proverbs 3:5-6. (d.) How did the Lord come to the rescue? What does God teach Abram and you through this experience?

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What were the consequences of Abram's scheme? How and why was Abram forgiven and restored? (13:1-4).

What was the root problem of Abram's herdsmen and Lot's? What was Abram's solution and Lot's response?

What causes quarrels among you? James 4:1-3. What will prevent them from happening? Ephesians 4:1-7, 29-32.

Why did Abram let Lot choose and what was the motive of Lot's choice? Why was it wrong and dangerous? Is that still a problem today?

How does Abram handle Lot's captivity? What kind of testimony did he show to others?

After all that happened, where did Lot go? Genesis 18:16, Genesis 19. What were the consequences then and future? II Corinthians 5:19-10, Romans 14:10-12.

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**LESSON 5---ABRAM, SARI- HAGAR**

**Genesis 15-16**

What was God's promise to Abram (and you)?

What was the covenant God made with Abram? What was Abram's question and God's answer?

Why does Sari take matters into her own hands? When do you think she was sorry? Are Sari's actions relevant today? Explain.

What is faith? If true faith waits for God's timing, why is waiting still so difficult?

They are all in a mess. Describe what is going on in the lives of Abram, Sari, and Hagar.

What was Hagar's background? What does Hagar learn about God in her personal struggles? What have you learned about God in your personal struggles? (Psalm 91).

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Could Hagar run from God? Can you? Psalm 139 What lesson do you learn from this passage?

What does the angel of the Lord tell Hagar to do? Why was this a serious instruction for her?

What was the angel's promise to Hagar? What were the consequences of this wrong doing? What's God's view of your sin? Are there consequences?

What was Hagar's beautiful confession in verse 13? Why is a personal confession essential for a personal relationship with the Lord?

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**LESSON 6---THE VISITORS, ISAAC, & THE TEST**

**Genesis 18:1-15, Genesis 20-22**

Who were the three visitors? What was their message?

What was Sarah's reaction? What was the Lord's response? Did He let her get away with doubt?

From Genesis 18:14, what is the crucial phrase you must constantly repeat in difficult times? Why will it help every time? Also Mark 10:26-27.

Did Sarah really believe? Could she conceive if she did not? (Hebrews 11:6, 11). Exactly what did she have to believe which is exactly the same as God's requirement for us today? (Luke 1:45).

In Genesis 20, what lesson did you learn from the story of Abraham and Abimelech?

In Genesis 21:1-2, how come you can trust God's Word?

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How does Isaac's birth correspond to the “new birth” of a new nature within us at conversion?

John 3:3-6, Romans 4:17-25, Hebrews 11:8-16, I Peter 1:23-25.

How are verses 8-20 in chapter 21 proof that there will be long range continued consequences to sin? What do you see about the character of God?

Describe Abraham's test, Abraham's faith, Isaac's obedience, and God's promise.

What was Abraham's reaction to Sarah's death? Are tears perfectly OK or a sign of a lack of faith? How is Genesis 23:19 proof of Abraham's faith?

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**LESSON 7---JACOB & ESAU---DECEIT AT ITS UGLIEST**

**Genesis 24-27**

What was Abraham's chief servant's mission? Why was he nervous?

Discovering God's will is a process. The servant followed the formula perfectly. What is that formula? From Genesis 24:27, what phrase is your comfort? Also read Proverbs 3:5-6 and James 1:5.

What was Rebekah's response? What was Isaac's response? Is God's will always right? Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 3:20.

After Abraham's death, Isaac knows the promise, however what was the problem? What did Isaac do about it? Rebekah had questions. What did she do about it? Matthew 7:7.

From Genesis 25:27-34, describe the differences between Jacob and Esau. What is the danger of verse 28? Jacob used manipulation and scheming, but who was actually in charge here?

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In chapter 26, like father, like son---what happens? What is the root problem? How do you see God's grace and mercy?

Why are verses 34-35 in chapter 26 such sad verses? When that happens, how can parents survive? Do you have a survival verse you can share?

In Geneses 27, there is a secret plot emerging. How are all the characters involved and what are the consequences? Why is verse 20 the worse?

Spiritual cataracts can happen to anyone of us. Then Satan pounces. How can you remain spiritually 20/20? Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:1, 12:2-3.

In verses 41-46, the picture gets darker and darker. List the reasons why? Where does sin take you? James 1:14-15. Who is responsible?

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**LESSON 8---JACOB, BETHEL, AND LABAN**

**Genesis 28-31**

What was Isaac's command to Jacob?

How do you think Jacob felt when he stopped for the night? Jacob was experiencing physical and spiritual darkness. What happened? What did the Lord say to Jacob? Those words are true for you today. How do they make you feel? Read Proverbs 9:10.

What actually happened to Jacob at Bethel? Our family heritage does not save us. Who is our stairway to righteousness? John 1:51, Acts 4:12.

Where does Jacob “land” and how does he know it's the right place?

Describe Laban's daughters. Who did Jacob want and what was he willing to do to get her? How was he deceived? Do you think his mind might have gone back to what he had done? Galations 6:7.

Who were Jacob's children? See also Genesis 35:18. From what son came the line of Jesus? What does this say about physical looks versus one's heart condition?

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What kind of businessman was Jacob? How did this effect Laban and his sons? What is jealousy and what does it do to everyone involved?

Jacob flees and Laban comes after him. What dangerous thing did Rachael do? What does this say about her inner being? Why is your inner being so important? Matthew 12:34.

How does Jacob lay it our honestly to Laban?

How do they mend the fences? What is the best way to work out a disagreement? Find a verse to prove your answer.

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**LESSON 9---JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD**

**Genesis 32-36**

How do you know that Jacob was afraid to meet Esau? Do you think his fear had anything to do with guilt? Why?

From verses 9-12, try to find seven points in Jacob's prayer that should be the way we make our needs known to the lord.

Who was “the man” Jacob wrestled with? Why was this event at Peniel monumental in Jacob's life? Why does your self-will have to be broken?

When we are right with God, we can be right with the people around us. What was Jacob & Esau's meeting like?

What verses in Chapter 34 show the great danger of Jacob's family being identified with”the world”? Can you find verses that show how God looks at anger and revenge? How can the Holy Spirit help?

Have you learned any lessons from chapter 34?

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In chapter 35, what did God command Jacob to do? What did Jacob command his household to do? What did this signify?

What are some idols of today?

Why was Jacob's name changed by God to Israel?

From Genesis 35:29, how can good things come from horrible circumstances? What does holding grudges do? Anything productive?

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**LESSON 10—THE BEGINNING OF JOSEPH'S SUFFERING...**

**AND THEN THERE'S TAMAR...**

**GENESIS 37-38**

Who was Joseph?

What were the dreams Joseph had? Why did God allow Joseph to have these dreams? Should he have told his brothers? Is checking our motive always important?

Why did Joseph's brothers hate him? Where does hate lead?

What two brothers prevented Joseph's death? Imagine and describe Joseph's feelings and emotions in the pit?

Joseph's suffering had begun. Do you think this was necessary to get him into the position God intended? Why? Where do trials get you if you look to the Lord for your lifeline?

I Corinthians 10:13 and Romans 5:3-5. Do you always understand God's ways? Isaiah 55:8.

Playing with fire gets one burned. Jacob's family is getting too close to “the world's” ways. How can you tell from chapter 38.

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Explain the Jewish customs when a husband dies. How does Judah get out of it? Tamar looks like the “bad woman”. But, who really is at fault?

What is Tamar's plan and why is she so driven? How is she very clever and truthful?

Tamar might have gone about her mission very wrong, but what does God see in her heart? How does that make you feel personally? What does that say about the God that you serve?

Why do you think Tamar's name is included in Matthew 1?

What is Judah's reaction?

How does this story demonstrate forgiveness, grace, and mercy?

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**LESSON 11---JOSEPH WATCHING GOD'S PLAN IN PERFECT MOTION**

**Genesis 39-41**

(a.) Through many years of suffering there was one phrase that kept Joseph going. What was it?

Genesis 39:2. (b.) How did he keep from getting bitter and falling into self-pity? Philippians 4:12 (c.) Does that hold true today? (d.) O.K. Do you really do it?

Describe Joseph's physical appearance. What was he offered that a lot of men couldn't refuse? How could he do it?

When temptation lurks, what is your responsibility?

Standing up for what's right in God's eyes sometimes has a cost. What happened to Joseph? How strong is your allegiance to Him? How can it get stronger?

All a part of God's plan, the cup-bearer and baker end up in prison with Joseph. What were their dreams and Joseph's interpretations? Who did Joseph give the credit to for his ability?

The cup-bearer forgot Joseph. How does the Lord make great leaders? What is a great leader?

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What do Joseph and the apostle Paul have in common from II Corinthians 4:7-18?

After Joseph spent two years, Pharaoh had dreams that needed interpretation. What were the dreams?

The first word of Genesis 41:9 shows “what” about (a.) **God's** timing? (b.) Do you really believe that's true? (c.) Is that hard to remember?

In this chapter list as many times as you can that Joseph took his eyes off himself.

What was Joseph's gigantic savings plan? What position did this idea get him?

We see God's hand so beautifully in Joseph's life every step of the way.

Read Philippians 2:6-11 and Hebrews 4:14-16 and write down the glorious, truthful comparisons between Joseph and Jesus. What hope for God's real followers today. Do you think you'll ever be sorry you chose Jesus? (Ridiculous question, right? But I just had to check.)

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**LESSON 12---JOSEPH..GOD'S PLAN COMPLETED**

**Genesis 42-50**

In Genesis 42:1, why do you think Jacob asked, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?

How did Joseph treat his brothers? Do you have any ideas why? Was it easy for him to do this? When the Lord seems to be hard on us, He has a good reason too. What is it? I Peter 1:6-9.

In chapters 43-44, Judah plays a very important role. What was it? What is the greatest love test of all? John 15:13. Does Judah pass it?

When Joseph made himself known to his brothers in Genesis 45, what was the reaction all around? What was Joseph's beautiful explanation for all that had happened? What did that demonstrate?

In chapter 46, Jacob wasn't quite sure it was God's will to go to Egypt. So, what did he do? Decisions are very seldom easy. What does James 1:5-7 say about decision-making? What is wisdom? Why do you need it for decision-making?

In Genesis 46:8-27, what do all these names and the 70 people that went to Egypt represent? Why is that important for you, a Gentile, today?

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Joseph had a powerful plan in chapters 47 and 48. He drove a hard bargain. What was it and why do you think he did it that way?

Jacob called his sons together. Why are integrity and influence so important in a family?

What words or phrases show Jesus coming from Judah's blessing.

After Jacob died, what was the fear of Joseph's brothers? In Genesis 50:19-21, how does Joseph outstandingly reassure them?

Is there anything in particular that touched you in a very special way in this grand Book of Genesis?

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